HEY, FAMILIES!

ELEMENTARY

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(Hebrews 13:8)

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I really dislike change. But what I love is options. Hebrews 13:8 says: *Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* What we will see this month is the unchanging, unflinching nature of God. A God who is consistent in His love and perfect in His justice and reasonable in all of His ways.

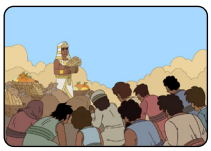
We will see how He calls a nation to Himself and, in His love, corrects, restores and rescues her. The confidence we have as Christian parents doesn't come from our perfect behavior but from the steady, unchanging love of God for us in Christ.

Because God is consistent in His mercy and judgment, we never have to fear rejection or see final retribution. His consistency in a world that is so radically inconsistent brings courage to our timid minds and strength to our anxious hearts. What a gift to have a solid rock on which to stand. *-Sam Luce* *childdiscipleship.com*

JACOB'S DREAM *(Genesis 27-28)* Week 1

Jacob tricked his father Isaac and took Esau's rightful blessing, so he ran away. On the journey, Jacob dreamed of a ladder to heaven, and God reminded him He was still faithful and keeps His promises.
Brite Idea: God never changes.

JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS *(Genesis 37)* Week 2



Joseph's brothers were jealous and sold him to traders who took him to Egypt. Even in hard times, God was faithfully at work and later made Joseph a leader who saved many lives.
Brite Idea: God can be trusted.

THE BURNING BUSH *(Exodus 3)* Week 3

God's people were slaves in Egypt and cried for help. God spoke to Moses through a burning bush and sent him to Pharaoh. God said "I AM," and He freed His people, just as He promised.
Brite Idea: God will forever be God.

THE WILDERNESS *(Exodus 13:1-17:6)* Week 4

God led the Israelites out of Egypt toward the promised land. He guided them with a cloud and fire, parted the Red Sea to save them, and provided everything, including food and water when they were hungry and thirsty.
Brite Idea: God provides for us.

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FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	*WONDER & DISCUSS*	*EXPLORE*	*REVIEW*	*PUT INTO PRACTICE*	*PREPARE AHEAD*
WEEK 1 God never changes. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** James 1:17 What are some good and perfect gifts from God?	Draw a ladder on a piece of paper. On every rung, write a characteristic of God that never changes.	***HEBREWS 13:8*** How has Jesus proved His faithfulness to your family?	Everyone write a mistake you've made on a paper slip. Throw it away. Talk about how nothing we do changes how God feels about us.	Do "trust falls" together. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Genesis 37 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 2 God can be trusted. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Proverbs 3:5–6 What are some ways people lean on their own understanding rather than trust God?	Place a bowl on the ground for "Joseph's pit." Throw cotton balls into it. With each throw, say why you trust God.	***HEBREWS 13:8*** How does knowing that Jesus never changes help you trust Him more?	Set up a blindfold obstacle course of items to step over or around. Lead each other through it using only voices. Talk about trusting God's guidance.	Using a timer, see if you can guess the exact length of a minute. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Exodus 3 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 3 God will forever be God. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Psalm 90:1–2 In your own words, what did Moses mean by saying, "From everlasting to everlasting You are God"?	Draw the number 8. Have everyone trace it with a finger. Talk about how God has no beginning or end.	***HEBREWS 13:8*** How should followers of Jesus feel about the future?	Cut an apple in the morning and place it outside. Look at it again at night. Talk about how everything on earth will fade away.	Count your blessings together on a sheet of paper. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Exodus 17:1–7 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 4 God provides for us. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Philippians 4:19 How do you know the difference between wants and needs?	Pick 5 things you would pack if you had to leave home today.	***HEBREWS 13:8*** What should you do if you begin thinking that Jesus has changed how He feels about you?	Donate food to a local food bank. Talk about how God provides for people's needs.	Make a sun out of a paper plate. Write Luke 1:37 on it. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Joshua 10:1–15 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?

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